

Application No.: 10/519,338
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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on June 9, 2008 and attended by Megan Yarnall, Josué Villalta, and Alejandro Muñoz.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claims 1, 8

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Pilliar (U.S. Pat. No. 3,855,638) and Steinemann (U.S. Pat. No. 5,456,723)

Proposed Amendments

The Examiner suggested amendment to Claim 8 to distinguish the open-pored structure from the micro-structure.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant noted that Pilliar teaches a porous metal coating with pore sizes greater than 50 microns and teaches away from pore sizes less than 50 microns. Applicant further noted that Steinemann does not teach "open-pores" as used in the application herein and teaches away from a contact surface roughness of more than 20 microns.

Results of Interview

The Examiner noted Applicant's arguments in reference to Claims 1 and 8 and the meaning of "open-pores" as used in the application herein. Applicant agreed to submit a response to the Final Office Action and the Examiner agreed to consider the response.